

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, April 10, 2006**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director     Dave Marcotte**

**Alice Lavigne Vice Chair     Juliette Lopez**

**Al Low     Alan Gerew**

**Guest: Bruce Pilling, Girls softball**

**Absent: -----**

**Excused: Al Musso, Kurt Schatz**

**Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Alice Lavigne Vice Chairperson, at the Burrillville Town Hall.**

**Minutes of March 13 , 2006 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Dave Marcotte with correction on last page- should read seconded by Al Gerew instead of Al Low, Seconded by Judy Lopez. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Good and Welfare:**

**Dave Marcotte was congratulated was given a congratulation card**

from the committee for receiving the Steamer Ricci volunteer at the New England Training Institute, in Newport.

Dave thanked the committee and stated how impressed he was with the awards and all that people are recognized for. The Director shared the booklet written by the department highlighting the RIRPA award recipients.

The Director informed the Recreation Commission that the Town Manager gave permission to investigate the possibility of the building at 92 North Main St. becoming the new office location for Parks & Recreation. The commission was in agreement that this would be a good solution to space.

#### **Correspondence:**

The Director read a letter received by the Board of Administration in reference to the use of o the Assembly Theatre by the Department. The letter stated that the Board had voted at their last meeting to begin charging the department for the use of the assembly as the secretary of the board stated that the Director said there would be no charge and not the Board.

The Director explained to the committee that a letter would be sent to the Board of Administration clarifying the process for the no fee charge for Parks & Recreation, referring to the previous town manager, clerk's office and the town council president informing the director that no charge would be incurred as it is another town

**government department utilizing the facility and not the decision of the director, being informed of historical precedence and the consideration on the part of the department with regards to other departments utilizing the recreation department facilities as a courtesy at no charge.**

## **Old Business:**

**NYSCA – Dave Marcotte reported that NYSCA training went well and there was a good turnout.**

## **Spring Lake Campground**

**Signs for both the campground and the recreation center are nearly complete. Jeff Farrell will work with DPW for installation.**

## **DEM Grant Application**

**Recommendation for funding the tennis court resurfacing and the Pascoag River Walk grants are being made to the governor for award.**

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Reschedule to April 15th at 11:30am.**

## **Family Fair**

**Meetings have been ongoing.**

## **Relay for Life**

**Relay for Life plans are moving forward. Event date is June 23, 24th. The director asked David Marcotte, co-chair of Logistics to attend the next meeting. Judy Lopez reported her concerns to the commission about the lack of recognition to the department and all that is donated and done by the department and its' staff for this event.**

## **Blockbooking**

**Schedules given to Recreation Commission members for the summer concert series to be held at the Town Common and Spring Lake Beach.**

## **Fireworks**

**A representative from TelStar met with the Fire Marshall for permission to hold fireworks at Spring Lake Beach on July 3rd. Permission was not granted so the alternate site will be Branch River Park in Glendale. The Bicentennial Commission has agreed to donate \$1,000 towards this event.**

## **Blackstone Canoe Trail**

**The design for the canoe has been completed and the Director will bring to next meeting. The student from Chuck Boucher's class at the high school has agreed to paint the design on the canoe. The canoe will be delivered to the high school sometime next week.**

## **Blackstone "Keep America Beautiful"**

**Working with the Blackstone Valley Tourism on "Keep America Beautiful", a banner is being designed and made to hang at the highway department as part of earth day as well as all year. The logo for the town, bicentennial commission, Lions Club will appear on the banner, as well as boy scouts, girl scouts, brownies and cub scouts. The Director passed out Green wristlets to the Commission members and stated they would be available at the clerk's office. Kevin Cleary spoke at the Lions Club, identifying certain areas targeted for clean-up. The highway department has flyers to put up on poles on these streets to encourage residents to join in.**

## **One on One Basketball**

**The first session of the one on one basketball program was on Wednesday. Due to an overwhelming response for this activity a second day will be added so more may participate.**

**The director also reported that the director of the One on One Program has agreed to run a basketball camp this summer.**

**New Business:**

**Spring Tennis**

**Flyers were distributed to the Commission for the program beginning on April 22nd.**

**MVP Baseball**

**Flyers given to the Recreation Commission members**

**Hauser Field Lights:**

**Bruce Pilling attended the meeting at the PUD in reference to the Hauser Field lights. The department will work with PUD to address the problem so this can be rectified for the future. Bruce stated that the Softball league would assist with the electricity, but at a reasonable rate, however with the cost at \$1400 currently, the commission agreed that it was not necessary to charge the league. It would be difficult to put an amount attributable to one field, but would work out an arrangement for the following season. Currently the director is**

**working with the Finance Director to identify line item for charges, etc.**

**An electrician will be notified and researched the possibility of installing a microprocessor so lights can only come on one field at a time.**

### **Monthly Calendar**

**The April monthly Recreation Program calendar was distributed to the commission members.**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Alan Gerew. Seconded by Dave Marcotte**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2006 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.**

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